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1. Until 20 June 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder, quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and who were engaged exclusively in drilling, physical training and fatigue duty.

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2. The Buelow Kaserne was occupied by only a rear unit of about 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck was seen entering the billeting area. (2)

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3. Between 10 and 20 June, the northeastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellerroser Landstrasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. It could not be discerned whether the troops were permanently stationed there or whether they used the installation as transient quarters. No training activity was noticed. Some of the subsidiary buildings of the installation were still used by the Kech office for storage purposes. The southwestern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne was occupied by about 900 troops, approximately half of whom were recruits, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The soldiers drilled, and practiced with hand grenades in the close-order combat courses. On 12 June, two units of from 30 to 40 men each were seen in the billeting area. Each unit carried field equipment and had four to six light machine guns.

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4. Prior to 20 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse was occupied by only a rear unit of about 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No vehicular traffic was noticed. (2)

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5. Between about 15 and 20 June, young soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Hofbauer Kaserne at the intersection of Birnbaumsmuehl Strasse and Schubert Strasse. Several hundred troops were quartered there by 20 June. No regular training activity was noticed. Some of the subsidiary buildings of the installation were still used by the Kech. (4)

6. On 20 June, the Horn Kaserne on Nuhnen Strasse quartered a rear unit of about 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. (2)

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7. Until 20 June, the Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikus Strasse quartered only a rear unit of not more than 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] No changes were observed with the Soviet komendantura on Puschkin Strasse. (2)

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8. On 20 June, a train carrying troops with 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 field kitchens, 1 radio truck, 2 jeeps and about 20 trucks arrived at the freight yard of Frankfurt/Oder. The troops were unloaded and moved to the Artillerie Kaserne. (1)

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9. Between 14 and 20 June, the Hofbauer Kaserne was used as transient quarters for discharges and personnel going on, or returning from, furlough. Trucks [redacted] were seen daily going between the installation and the passenger railroad station. They were occupied by officers and NCOs of various branches of service. (4)

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10. Prior to 12 June, the quarantine station of the Gronenfelde PW processing camp on Nuhnen Strasse, south of the Horn Kaserne, was occupied by 20 to 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] New troops moved into the quarantine station on 13 June. They were seen assembling into three units of about 200 EM each, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery and some with tank insignia. (2)

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Comments. [redacted]

train [redacted]

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[redacted] probably came from Wustrów or Jueterbog, because elements of the division have been rotated to these troop training grounds for firing practice since February 1951. [redacted]

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(2) The presence of only rear units in the installations confirm that the components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div are still out for summer

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training, namely at the Lieberose troop training grounds.

- (3) While the occupation of the southwestern section of the Lich-horn Kaserne has not changed, the northeastern section, which contains a furniture depot of the Kech, was probably used as transient quarters for recruits and/or discharges and personnel going on, or returning from, furlough, as was observed in 1950.

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- (4) Since the Hofbauer Kaserne is known to be used as a furniture depot of the Kech and as transient quarters, the information contained in paragraphs 5 and 8 of the present report probably is correct inasmuch as recruits and discharges and personnel going on, or returning from, furlough are believed to be quartered there.

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- (5) It is possible that also the quarantine station of the former PW repatriation camp is being used as a processing camp for Soviet military personnel.

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